

Announcements:

GIVING: We have offering boxes mounted on the wall in the lobby by each set of doors for giving. We would still encourage giving online, which you can do through our website, or you can simply mail it to the church (P.O. Box 157 - Lowell, MI 49331).

FBC READING PLAN: December reading plans will be available starting next week. Reading Plans will be available in the entryway of the Outreach Building and online.

BARNABAS TEAM: We will not be meeting for the next three weeks.

D-GROUPS: We are encouraging D-Groups to meet. Please email or call Pastor Jon or Pastor Andrew if you are interested in joining a D-Group.

HARVEST INGATHERING: Our Harvest InGathering Offering (gathered through the month of November) will go toward the Romania Ship to Equip project. Our goal is \$15,000.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD : We will be wrapping up our collection this week. We encourage you to fill a box or several and bring them into the church. We will be collecting boxes Sunday (1:00-3:00pm) and Monday (8:00-10:00am).

ENGAGE IN MISSIONS MONTH: Here are ways to engage-

- **Give:** Give to the Harvest InGathering and consider donating a used or new item off of the Romania Ship to Equip list.
- **Encourage:** Write an encouragement card to one of our missionaries. We have made it easy for you. Cards, complete with prayer requests and addresses, are at the table by the missions' board.
- **Pray:** Spend time around the dinner table praying for one of our missionaries. It is a great way to become more familiar with our missionaries and enlarge your family's heart for the world.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

CHRIST-CENTERED, KINGDOM-FOCUSED HOMES

November 22, 2020

"A Transforming Worshipper"

Pastor Jon Pickens

Romans 12:1-2

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Thank you for joining us for worship today. It is our desire to be as helpful as possible during your visit.

Children's lessons can be found on the church web page, under the Children's Ministry tab.

We know that the past months have been somewhat of a challenge for everyone, including churches. We genuinely desire to honor the Biblical command to gather as a church, to respect the authorities over us that have been established by God, to love another through acts of kindness and sacrifice, and to be a community of love, joy, and hope for this world to know that Jesus Christ is indeed the eternal Son of God. As we navigate these times together, we want to do so with love, grace, and kindness. We look forward to worshipping our God together!

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FBC Prayer Page (Nov. 22, 2020)

People Concerns:

- Pray for the family of Cindy Thayer. Cindy went home to be with the Lord. Pray for Doug as he grieves. The celebration of her life will be at First Baptist on Dec. 12th at 11am.
- Sue Raimer: She is feeling better and is slowly gaining strength. Continue to pray.
- Pray for Sam Morelock (Betty's husband). Sam is home! Pray that he continues to make progress.
- John Sinning: At Green Acres. Praise God that they are now allowed to have outside visits.
- Pray for Terre Ritchie as she recovers from knee surgery.
- Becky Kooi: Pray as she continues to rehab from her brain surgery.
- Pray for Gloria Ossewaarde. Her health has declined over the years from Alzheimer's and now the family is faced with difficult decisions.
- Pray for Lisa Hooker. She is recovering from surgery, at home.
- Pray for Mike Laukitis as he grieves the loss of his father.

Community Concerns:

- Pray for those in our community that have been impacted by COVID.
- Pray for peace in our nation now that the election has taken place. Pray for patience among people as the legal system works. Pray for a peaceful
- Pray that God's people will show grace, peace, and patience as we continue to navigate a pandemic that affects most aspects of our life.

Church Concerns:

- Pray that God would reveal opportunities for His Church to be a conduit of blessing and of His Glory during this time.
- Pray for a generous Harvest InGathering and that the Romania Equip to Ship project will be a success.
- Pray that Operation Christmas Child will be a success this year.
- Pray for the success of Operation Christmas Child. Pray many children and families will hear the Gospel as a result of this project.
- Pray for unity among God's people during this difficult time.

Missionary Concerns:

- Seth and Becca Mallay: Praise: They are now 100% supported! Pray for travel arrangements to come together smoothly.
- Mike and Monica Pasquale: Pray for opportunities to share the gospel with their ESL students at the Alpha Women's Center in Grand Rapids, and for God to meet their students' needs.
- Roy and Joanne Schwartz: Praise: The young Jewish man who has come to Christ is teachable and growing in his faith. Pray for two Jewish ladies who are not yet believers but regularly participate and ask questions in Roy's interactive Zoom classes each week.
- Marilyn VandenAkker: Pray for the health of two pastor's wives in Liberia: Rosalyn Vaye and Marion Thomas, that they will not contract the virus. Each lady already has physical problems.
- Bill and Sue Green: Praise: Bill is again driving a bus for Mancelona Schools thereby providing them with Very Good health insurance.
- John and Paula Dannenberg: Pray: For finances for Bethany Bible. They have walls around the outside perimeter; however they need to be able to build the walls for the building itself.
- Eric and Shirley Hossack: Actively giving out many Our Daily Breads and other literature these days. Pray that hearts will be given to the Lord to live for him.
- Ron and Chris Self: Pray for the salvation of Ron's barber Enrique, his wife Lucia, for Lalo and Dr Emilia. All have heard the gospel explained many times but are still not ready to trust Christ alone for personal salvation.
- Rich and Karyn Visser: Pray for Rich as he is scheduled to teach the book of Romans to the first-year students at the Bible Institute via the Internet beginning next week.
- Steve and Sue Mayo: Praise: Both church plants are larger than a year ago. Calvary's live service is at capacity and its online service has steady viewership. Logos is baptizing three more adult converts today, November 15.
- Jasson and Kim Farmer: They are back in Mexico now and Kim is feeling her normal self. Pray that she continues to feel well.
- Wolfgang and Kelly Grotendiek: Pray for Wolfgang as he packs things up and heads to Mexico soon. Kelly will remain in Michigan until their living situation in Mexico begins to take shape.
- Andrew and Leah Postema: Pray for them as they travel to supporting churches and give their report. They are currently 13% below needed support.
- Timothy and Laura Compton: Pray for their need of \$534/mo in financial support, and for Kenzie who is recovering from knee surgery.